

INTERVIEW SUMMARY UNDER 37 CFR §1.133 AND MPEP §713.04

A telephonic interview in the above-referenced case was conducted on January 28, 2008 between the Examiner and the Applicants' undersigned representative. The Office Action mailed on July 30, 2007 was discussed. Specifically, the rejections of claims 1, 13, 26, 28, 31, and 34 in light of Sutoh and Simons (U.S. Patent Application No. 2003/0165115 and U.S. Patent No. 6,332,198) and the proposed amendments set forth herein were discussed with the intent to place the claims in better condition for allowance or appeal.

The Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the interview.

REMARKS

Claims 1-34 have been amended to clarify the subject matter regarded as the invention.
Claims 1-34 are pending are pending.

The Examiner has rejected claims 8, 9, 13, 14, 21, 22, 27, 29, 31, and 32 under USC 112.
Claims 1-34 have been amended to clarify the subject matter.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 13, 26-28, 31, and 34 under 35 USC 103. The rejection is respectfully traversed. With respect to claims 1, 13, 26-28, 31, and 34, neither Sutoh nor Simmons teach or disclose having a first physical module that includes a link layer framer, "wherein link layer framer includes a queue for storing the traffic," and a second physical module, "wherein the traffic in the second physical module is not processed through any link layer framer."


Claims 2-12, 14-25, 29-30, and 32-33 depend from claims 1, 13, 26-28, 31, and 34 and are believed to be allowable for the same reasons described above.

The foregoing amendments are not to be taken as an admission of unpatentability of any of the claims prior to the amendments.

Reconsideration of the application and allowance of all claims are respectfully requested based on the preceding remarks. If at any time the Examiner believes that an interview would be helpful, please contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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